

have a basis weight from about 1 to about 50 pounds per 2,880 square feet (i.e., ream), and in some embodiments, between about 5 to about 45 pounds per square ream. For instance, paper towels can sometimes be formed to have a basis weight of from about 10 to about 45 pounds per ream, and in some embodiments, between about 20 to about 30 pounds per ream. Suitable cellulosic fibers for use in connection with this invention include secondary (recycled) papermaking fibers and virgin papermaking fibers in all proportions. Such fibers include, without limitation, hardwood and softwood fibers as well as nonwoody fibers. Noncellulosic synthetic fibers can also be included as a portion of the furnish. It has been found that a high quality product having a unique balance of properties can be made using predominantly secondary fibers or all secondary fibers.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-6, 18, 23, 28, and 41.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 14, 16, 22, 24-25, 30, 35, and 42-43 to read as follows (See also Appendix B):

1. (Amended) An absorbent paper product for drying and conditioning the skin of a user, said paper product being selected from the group consisting of towels, wipes, and napkins, said paper product comprising:

a paper web; and

a water-soluble lotion composition applied to said paper web such that the add-on level of said lotion composition is between about 1% to about 10% by weight of said paper product, said lotion composition comprising:

i) water in an amount between about 10% to about 90% by weight of said lotion

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composition;

ii) a water-soluble skin conditioning component, said water-soluble skin conditioning component including glycerin in an amount between about 2% to about 15% by weight of said lotion composition;

iii) a viscosity modifier component in an amount between about 2% to about 10% by weight of said lotion composition, said viscosity modifier component including a surfactant that increases the viscosity of said lotion composition when incorporated therein; and

iv) an optional liquid-coupling component.

4. (Amended) A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes propylene glycol, sorbitol, or combinations thereof.

7. (Amended) A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes sorbitol.

9. (Amended) A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes propylene glycol.

14. (Amended) A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said lotion composition further comprises an antimicrobial agent.

16. (Amended) A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said lotion composition further comprises a preservative.

22. (Amended) An absorbent paper towel for drying and conditioning the skin of a user, said towel having a basis weight from about 10 to about 45 pounds per ream,

said towel comprising:

a paper web, and

a water-soluble lotion composition applied to said paper web such that the addition level of said lotion is between about 1% to about 10% by weight of said paper towel, said water-soluble lotion composition comprising:

i) water in an amount between about 10% to about 30% by weight of said lotion composition;

ii) a water-soluble skin-conditioning component in an amount between about 10% to about 40% by weight of said lotion composition, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component includes glycerin in an amount between about 2% to about 15% by weight of said lotion composition;

iii) a viscosity modifier component in an amount between about 2% to about 5% by weight of said lotion composition, said viscosity modifier component including a surfactant that increases the viscosity of said lotion composition when incorporated therein; and

iv) an optional liquid-coupling component, wherein said optional liquid-coupling component includes a surfactant.

24. (Amended) A paper towel as defined in claim 22, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes sorbitol in an amount between about 5% to about 20% by weight of said lotion composition.

25. (Amended) A paper towel as defined in claim 22, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes propylene glycol in an amount between

about 5% to about 20% by weight of said lotion composition.

30. (Amended) A method for forming a paper towel for drying and conditioning the skin of a user, said method comprising:

forming a web from at least one furnish containing fibers and water;

through-drying said web to remove water therefrom; and

thereafter, treating said dried web with a water-soluble lotion composition such that said lotion has an add-on level of between about 1% to about 10% by weight of said paper towel, said water-soluble lotion composition comprising:

i) water in an amount between about 10% to about 90% by weight of said lotion composition;

ii) a water-soluble skin conditioning component, said water-soluble skin conditioning component including glycerin in an amount between about 2% to about 15% by weight of said lotion composition;

iii) a viscosity modifier component in an amount between about 2% to about 10% by weight of said lotion composition, said viscosity modifier including a surfactant that increases the viscosity of said lotion composition when incorporated therein; and

iv) an optional liquid-coupling component.

35. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said water-soluble skin-conditioning component further includes propylene glycol, sorbitol, or combinations thereof.

42. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said add-on level of said lotion is between about 1% to about 5% by weight of said paper towel.

43. (Amended) ~~A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said paper towel has a basis weight between about 15 to about 45 pounds per ream.~~

Please add the following claims:

44. A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein said surfactant of said viscosity modifier component includes talloweth-60-myristyl glycol.

45. A paper towel as defined in claim 22, wherein said surfactant of said viscosity modifier component includes talloweth-60-myristyl glycol.

46. A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said surfactant of said viscosity modifier component includes talloweth-60-myristyl glycol.

47. A paper product as defined in claim 1, wherein the paper web contains secondary fibers

48. A paper towel as defined in claim 22, wherein the paper web contains secondary fibers.

49. A method as defined in claim 30, wherein the fibers contain secondary fibers.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-17, 19-22, 24-27, 29-40, and 42-49 are currently pending in the present application, including independent claims 1, 22, and 30. Independent claim 1, for instance, is directed to an absorbent paper product for drying and conditioning the skin of a user. The paper product includes a paper web that is applied with a water-